

No. 056/06

The Embassy of the United States of America presents its compliments to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and has the honor to refer to the Agreement between the United States of America and the Kingdom of the Netherlands concerning the status of military and civilian personnel of the United States Department of Defense temporarily present in the Netherlands Antilles and Aruba in connection with military exercises and training constituted by exchange of notes at The Hague on May 3, 2005 (the Agreement), which will terminate, in accordance with its terms, on May 3, 2006.

Desiring to continue military cooperation between our military forces in the Netherlands Antilles and Aruba and in view of further military training and exercises, in particular the military exercise 'Caribbean Lion' that will take place in the Caribbean region in May-June 2006, the Embassy proposes that the Agreement shall be extended for an additional period of one year, so that the Agreement will remain in force until May 3, 2007.

If the forgoing is acceptable to the Government of the Kingdom of the Netherlands, the Embassy proposes that this note, together with the Ministry's note in reply to that effect, shall constitute an agreement between our two governments which shall enter into force on May 3, 2006 and shall remain in force until May 3, 2007.

The Embassy of the United States of America avails itself of this opportunity to
renew to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs the assurances of its highest consideration.

Embassy of the United States of America

The Hague, April 11, 2006





NOTE IN REPLY

DJZ/VE-293/06

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs presents its compliments to the Embassy of the United States of America and has the honor to acknowledge receipt of the Embassy's note 056/06 of April 11th, 2006, which reads as follows:

"The Embassy of the United States of America presents its compliments to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and has the honor to refer to the Agreement between the United States of America and the Kingdom of the Netherlands concerning the status of military and civilian personnel of the United States Department of Defense temporarily present in the Netherlands Antilles and Aruba in connection with military exercises and training constituted by exchange of notes at The Hague on May 3, 2005 (the Agreement), which will terminate, in accordance with its terms, on May 3, 2006.

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If the foregoing is acceptable to the Government of the Kingdom of the Netherlands, the Embassy proposes that this note, together with the Ministry's note in reply to that effect, shall constitute an Agreement between our two governments which shall enter into force on May 3, 2006 and shall remain in force until May 3, 2007.

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The Ministry of Foreign Affairs has the honor to inform the Embassy of the United States of America that the proposals set forth in the Embassy's note are acceptable to the Government of the Kingdom of the Netherlands and confirms that the Embassy's note and this note shall constitute an Agreement between the two governments, which shall enter into force on May 3, 2006 and shall remain in force until May 3, 2007.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Embassy of the United States of America the assurances of its highest consideration.

The Embassy of the
United States of America

MINISTERIE VAN BUITENLANDSE Zaken
The Hague, 11 April 2006